



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Vegetable and Melon Harvest in Full Swing

Maryland received the rain that was needed, with heavy rains on Thursday and a gentle shower Sunday. There were 5.7 days **suitable for field work**. A large amount of harvesting was accomplished the past week even with rain. **Cantaloupes** are 32 percent harvested, 9 percent over last week. **Cucumbers** are 55 percent harvested, 5 percent over last week. **Snap Beans** are 56 percent harvested, 6percent over last week. **Sweet Corn** is 35 percent harvested, 4 percent over last week. **Watermelons** are 24 percent harvested, 17 percent over last week.

The corn and soybean conditions improved after rains at the end of the week. **Corn** is 66 percent silked and 37 percent doughed, which is 2 percent behind and 15 percent ahead of the five year average respectively. **Corn** is rated 3 percent in excellent condition, 67 percent good, 20 percent fair, 7 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor. **Soybeans** are currently 38 percent bloomed, progressing 10 percent in the past week. The **soybean** crop is rated 5 percent in excellent condition, 75 percent good, 14 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

The rains at the end of last week added much needed moisture to the soil. **Topsoil moisture** is rated 12 percent very short, 38 percent short, 38 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** is 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 56 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Harvesting Progress:				
Winter Wheat	97	94	100	99
Cantaloupes	32	23	37	45
Cucumbers	55	50	55	52
Peaches	29	23	21	24
Potatoes	55	50	73	64
Snap Beans	56	50	48	46
Sweet Corn	35	31	42	45
Tomatoes	27	20	29	28
Watermelons	24	7	17	22
Crop Progress:				
Corn, silked	66	60	76	68
Corn, doughed	37	24	23	22
Sorghum, headed	30	20	40	31
Soybeans, bloomed	38	28	34	38
Tobacco, bloomed	40	31	69	59
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 nd cutting	87	79	69	69
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	30	26	19	26
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	44	40	34	31

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	7	20	67	3
Soybeans	1	5	14	75	5
Sorghum	0	3	10	87	0
Tobacco	0	0	7	90	3
Range & Pasture	7	13	33	43	4

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